

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES
August 11, 2014

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session in Room 211 at the Morton Center on August 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Commission President Shafer called the meeting to order and presided.

PRESENT: Commissioners Corrigan, No, Kirkpatrick, Troyer and Shafer.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Attorney Brooks, Chief Dombkowski, Lt. Gallagher, Lt. Watson and Sgt. Choate.

Commission President Shafer called the meeting to order. All members were present for meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission President Shafer asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14th meeting. Commissioner Troyer asked for approval of the minutes of the July 14th, 2014 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corrigan. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commission Attorney Brooks explained the changes that the Commission would like to make. There was discussion in regard to the change in the rules. Commission Attorney Brooks explained what the changes were in regard to testing being done annually to annually in February with oral interviews conducted after taking exams. Commissioner Kirkpatrick wanted the change read and Commission Attorney Brooks read the changes to the commission. A motion was made to accept the changes and approve the changes. The motion made by Commissioner Kirkpatrick with Commissioner No seconding that motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There are seven applicants going thru background checks right now which should be completed by August 27th. There were 15 applicants interviewed by the Police Board with 7 applicants forwarded to the Merit Commission for interviews. The polygraphs will be conducted after the background checks are finished. There was discussion of doing interviews of applicants by the Merit Commission on September 8th at 6:00 in the Police Department Training Room instead of having the monthly Merit Commission Meeting. Commission Attorney Brooks will write the cancellation notice and it will be posted for public notice. Chief Dombkowski informed the Commission that there is currently one opening and we are expecting another opening in September with an

additional opening coming after the first of the year. City Council is in agreement to add another officer after January 1st. The meeting for Merit Commission interviews will be at 6:00pm on September 8th in the training room of the police department.

Chief's Report:

There was one retirement from the police department. Officer Gosney retired from the police department after 25 years of service and will soon be taking a civilian position in NRT.

There were over 2,000 calls for service in the month of July. Sgt. Choate spoke about the Active Shooters training in conjunction with PUPD and also the West Lafayette and Purdue Fire Departments. There were quite a few issues identified because of the logistics and amount of personnel involved which will now be addressed. Dr. No spoke about the fact that he was glad, as a Purdue employee, that this type of training has been continued after the shooting at Purdue. Chief Dombkowski talked about agencies putting together maps, building schematics etc. for all the schools in the area including Purdue University that the officers will have available to them in the event something catastrophic would happen. Commission President Shafer asked about the difficulties that were experienced from the shooting at Purdue. Chief Dombkowski explained that it was a communication issue and that the police departments are currently working together to make sure that doesn't happen in the future.

Chief Dombkowski also spoke of our training of new school resource officers. Officer Winslow goes in between the grade schools and there is a school resource officer at the high school at all times during school hours. Officers Townsend and Morgan are now certified school resource officers for the schools, and will work primarily at the high school campus.

Chief Dombkowski spoke about the RAD kids camp that Sgt Marion held at White Horse Christian Center. The camp was attended by 70 kids.

Chief Dombkowski also talked about the armed robbery that occurred at Check into Cash last year that went to trial this past week. WLPD made an arrest in that robbery. The defendants went to trial this week with a jury convicting the defendants on Friday, August 8th.

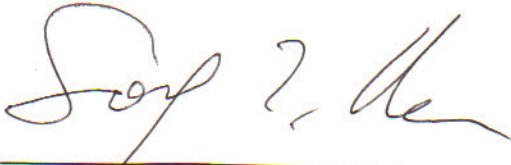
West Lafayette had an armed robbery on Friday, August 8th and with diligent work from the WLPD, there was an arrest on Sunday, August 10th. Earlier today, LPD also issued arrest warrants to the same individuals for a robbery of a Village Pantry that occurred in the city of Lafayette over the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

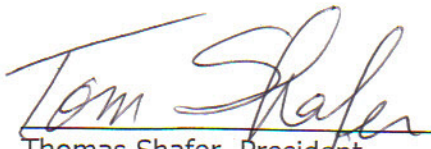
Commissioner Troyer moved that the meeting be adjourned and Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded it. It was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

There will be no meeting for the month of September.



Dr. Song No, Secretary

Attest:



Thomas Shafer, President